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JANUARY AIRLINE TRAFFIC DOWN 1.8 PERCENT

WASHINGTON, D.C., February 13, 1991--U.S. airline traffic last month was 1.8% below January of 1990 in terms of revenue passenger miles (RPMs) flown. Passenger enplanements were down 1.7%. Capacity, measured in available seat miles, declined 0.6% and the average industry load factor (percentage of seats filled) dropped to 56.7% from 57.3% for the same month of last year.

January domestic RPMs dropped 1.3% and passenger enplanements declined 0.9%. Domestic capacity was down 1.8%, helping the industry achieve a slightly higher load factor of 55.3%.

International traffic in January suffered a much steeper decline than domestic traffic. International passenger miles traveled dropped 3.3% and international enplanements were down 8.8% compared with January of 1990. Capacity on international routes was higher than a year ago, producing a drop in the average load factor. January capacity increased 3.6%. The average load factor was 61.2% compared with 65.6% in January of last year.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

JANUARY 1991 - 1990

	JANUARY			YEAR TO DATE		
	1990	1991	PERCENT CHANGE	1990	1991	PERCENT CHANGE
DOMESTIC						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	30,972	30,681	(0.9)	30,972	30,681	(0.9)
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	25,304,610	24,979,340	(1.3)	25,304,610	24,979,340	(1.3)
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	45,977,643	45,138,046	(1.8)	45,977,643	45,138,046	(1.8)
LOAD FACTOR (%)	55.0	55.3		55.0	55.3	
INTERNATIONAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	3,100	2,827	(8.8)	3,100	2,827	(8.8)
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	8,422,569	8,142,246	(3.3)	8,422,569	8,142,246	(3.3)
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	12,835,626	13,294,354	3.6	12,835,626	13,294,354	3.6
LOAD FACTOR (%)	65.6	61.2		65.6	61.2	
TOTAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	34,072	33,508	(1.7)	34,072	33,508	(1.7)
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	33,727,179	33,121,586	(1.8)	33,727,179	33,121,586	(1.8)
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	58,813,269	58,432,400	(0.6)	58,813,269	58,432,400	(0.6)
LOAD FACTOR (%)	57.3	56.7		57.3	56.7	

NOTE: ALASKA, EASTERN, AND HAWAIIAN DATA IS ESTIMATED

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICA WEST, AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, SOUTHWEST TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, ALASKA, ALOHA, HAWAIIAN, AND MIDWAY.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULED PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
SYSTEM OPERATIONS

MONTH	REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	LOAD FACTOR	ENPLANEMENTS (000)
1990				
January	33,727,179	58,813,269	57.3	34,072
February	30,761,358	52,024,042	59.1	32,155
March	37,416,889	58,727,893	63.7	38,800
April	35,613,709	57,509,004	61.9	36,713
May	36,287,185	59,569,992	60.9	36,606
June	40,372,882	59,944,196	67.4	39,153
July	42,945,381	63,123,188	68.0	40,395
August	45,471,866	63,757,425	71.3	42,977
September	35,642,258	59,182,555	60.2	34,259
October	36,542,692	60,601,410	60.3	36,739
November	33,524,169	56,886,055	58.9	34,545
December	34,884,917	58,421,360	59.7	34,552
TOTAL 1990	443,190,485	708,560,389	62.5	440,966
1991				
January	33,121,586	58,432,400	56.7	33,508
TOTAL 1991	33,121,586	58,432,400	56.7	33,508

	PERCENT CHANGE		
	REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	ENPLANEMENTS (000)
1991/1990			
January	-1.8	-0.6	-1.7